



A Hanes player looks for a teammate as he throws the ball into play during their game against Mineral Springs.

Squeaks

from page B1

Mineral Springs goalkeeper.

With both teams struggling to crack the scoreboard, Mineral Springs went on the attack and finally scored on a beautiful crossing pass placed right in front of the net. Jonathan Martinez-Alcantara played the ball off of his chest and got the ball past the goalkeeper.

Coach Pearson said he was not surprised they were able to score the goal in that fashion because they have been practicing passing the ball in front of the goal and collapsing his offense there.

Mineral Springs had a chance to extend the lead when they were fouled inside the box and was awarded a penalty kick but Hanes goalkeeper Ben Reid made the save and kept his team in the game. Late in the game Hanes had their own chance at a penalty kick that would have tied the game and that kick was unsuccessful.

The Bulldog defense

held off any attacks from the Dragon offense late in the game and protected their one goal lead. Hanes head coach Rebecca Hicks says her team played hard and hustled all game.

"I think our defense was great. We came out strong in the first half and even stronger in the second," said Hicks. "I appreciate the boys keeping up their resolve throughout the game even though we lost."

Hicks says they are a young team and liked the way her team came together during the season.

Coach Pearson said his team was poised and consistent all year long. He thinks the sportsmanship they displayed was admirable and he stressed it all season.

"There are times you learn something from losing, so at the end of the day it's not all about winning," said Pearson. "It's about going out there and giving it all you have and doing the best you can. The kids never quit and I've always told them winners never quit and quitters never win."



North Forsyth receiver Brandon Davis,9 in red, gets swarmed by a number of Asheboro defenders.

Falls

from page B1

they failed to score once again inside of the 20.

North Forsyth assistant coach Corey Stewart said his team gave up too many big plays and they have to work on that going forward.

"We missed a lot of opportunities and killed ourselves with penalties inside of the red zone," said Stewart. "I feel like it should have been like 20-6 at halftime

but we kept stopping ourselves.

At the start of the third penalties played a major role in halting the first North Forsyth drive forcing them to punt. Upon receiving the ball, Asheboro committed yet another turnover by fumbling on their first play, giving the ball back to the Vikings.

Asheboro head coach Blake Brewer says coming out of the half, he felt his team had a little more confidence than when they started the game.

"The saw that they could play

with them and after they looked at the varsity film from last year they saw they had a lot of speed and earlier in the season we didn't play well against speed," Brewer said. The first half showed that we could play with them and give us a boost of confidence."

During the fourth quarter, the penalties began to mount on both sides making it difficult to move the ball. The Vikings then ran the old school hook and lateral play to perfection that brought them all the way to the 13-yard line.

Running back Chris Myers punched it in from 3 yards out for a 12-6 lead.

With their backs to the wall, Asheboro manufactured a drive that included a fourth down conversion and a long pass to put them inside the red zone. As the clock ticked under 20 seconds, Carl lobbed a pass up to 6-foot-3 receiver Latrell Moore in the end zone and he brought it down to tie the game forcing overtime.

North Forsyth took the ball first during the overtime and was

intercepted on their first play. Sticking to the run game, the Blue-Comets won the game on a designed run from the quarterback.

Coach Stewart added, "They played hard and that was our first overtime game. You can always learn something from those like mental toughness. The boys didn't quit and stayed with it and that's all you can really ask for from kids at the end of the day. Somebody had to lose, and it just wasn't our night."

Bounce back

from page B1

Herring says that he knows traditionally the Bison have been a big strong team and his squad must bring their A game in or to win. He says they have some speed that they can use in certain situations to exploit any defensive weaknesses.

Herring went on to say that it's been two years since his program has won a conference game, so he would love to end the year with a couple of victories to "right the ship."

One of the major positives Herring says he can take away from this season is that his team competes and gives it every thing they have. He says they can improve all across the board and focus on some technique aspects of the game heading into next season.

Herring says they have a little over 30 guys on the team and they have a lot of freshman that they can build with for next season. He says they are heading in

the right direction and continue to build from one week to the next.

He says they have been a second half team for most of the season but must correct the mistakes in the first half. He says many of the games this year they have won the second half.

Glenn wide receiver Christen Wilson has been making plays all season. He hauled in three touchdown catches in the first half against Atkins earlier this season in a torrential downpour.

"He's an athlete, he's got great speed and leaping ability and I'm glad he's on our team and we don't have to guard him," Herring continued. "He's about 6-foot-2 and can jump up and grab the ball. He can run past people, he can do some pretty amazing things."

High Point Central have played many of their opponents tough but has not overcome the hurdle of getting their first victory.



The offense and defense of Glenn match up in practice last week.